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<u>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT</u>

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Japan 2003-060836 Japan 2000-066972 Japan 2001-211285 Japan 2002-368815

These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application corresponding to the above-identified application, namely Japan 2003-098042. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated September 12, 2005, along with its English translation, is enclosed.

English-language abstracts for each of the foregoing Japanese documents

have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise

explanation of relevance for each of the non-English language documents is believed to be

satisfied by the English language abstracts. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the

merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety

and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the

claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this

information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa.

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